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1. EMBASSY CHECK WITH FLIGHT INFORMATION CENTER IN KHARTOUM REVEALS THERE IS NO INFORMATION INDICATING EXISTENCE OF AIRSTRIP IN AREA DESCRIBED REF A. WE MAKING FURTHER CHECK WITH CIVIL AVIATION IN CASE THERE MIGHT BE KNOWN PRIVATE STRIP.

2. SUDAN AIRWAYS PILOT CONTACT STATES ON BASIS HIS LOOK AT MAPS AND EXPERIENCE WITH AREA, SMALL PLANE SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE LANDING. OBVIOUSLY, HOWEVER, PILOT OF SUCH PLANE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE HIS OWN DECISION ON PARTICULAR LANDING AREA ON BASIS LOW LEVEL FLY-OVER.

3. AMBASSADOR BRIEFED ACTING FONMIN MUSA ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTTS EARLY APRIL 13, REQUESTING GOVERNOR RED SEA PROVINCE (WHERE KARORA LOCATED) BE ALERTED. MUSA TELEPHONED
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MININT ABDULLAH HASSAN WHO AGREED INFORM SUDANESE FRONTIER

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POST PERSONNEL KARORA AREA LIKELY ARRIVEL HOSTAGES. OPINING
SUITABLE AIRFIELD MIGHT NOT EXIST FOR LANDING SMALL AIRCRAFT,
MININT OFFERED HAVE SEVERAL CARS AVAIABLE KARORA
TRANSPORT HOSTAGES PORT SKDAN (SOME 40 MILES NORTH) WHERE
THEY COULD BE READILY PICKED UP BY AIRCRAFT. HE ASKED
THAT HE BE GIVEN INFO AS TO PRECISE TIMING LIKELY ARRIVAL
HOSTAGES IN ORDER ASSURE VEHICLES WOULD BE AVAILABLE.
AMBASSADOR CONTACTING HASSAN DIRECTLY NEXT FEW HOURS TO
ENCOURAGE HIM INITIATE ACTION EVEN PRIOR RECEIPT RESPONSE
THIS TELEGRAM.

4. SUBSEQUENT DRAFTING ABOVE, CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES
INFORMED EMBASSY THERE ARE NO RPT NO KNOWN AIR STRIPS IN VICINITY
KARORA. THEY CONCUR HOWEVER IN VIEW THAT NATURE TERRAIN
SHOULD PERMIT LANDING SMALL AIRCRAFT.
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